

VIRGINIA DIVORCE REFORM NECESSARY, CLEPHANE ASSERTS

Washington Attorney Tells Why Present Weak Law Should Be Changed.

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has made a correct presentation of the case, and I hope its articles will arouse sufficient interest to bring results. Virginia certainly ought to strengthen her divorce laws, which are several years behind the most advanced thought on divorce statutes and, in fact, behind the average of the States.

It is true, as pointed out by The Times, that it is possible for a man or woman to establish residence in Virginia by false methods and to get a divorce without the other party to the suit finding it out until it is all over. Of course, if the other party wanted to, he or she could have the decree set aside. If it was obtained by fraud, however, if fraud could not be proved—and it might be hard to prove—the defendant would be helpless.

Failure to Provide Defense.

"The greatest weakness in the Virginia law, in my opinion, is its failure to provide for the defense of noncontested cases. In the District of Columbia the court appoints counsel for the defendant in cases where he or she does not appear. This system works well. I have known of many cases where the attorneys for the defense in noncontested cases produced evidence that resulted in the refusal of the court to issue a decree. I have known of a few cases where the attorney for the defense named by the court has shown there was collusion between husband and wife.

"If Virginia courts were required to appoint counsel for the defendant in cases where the defendant did not appear, it would be practically impossible for a plaintiff to get a decree by fraud. It would be practically impossible for a Washingtonian or a Virginian to rent a room in Virginia, sleep in it once or twice a month, and at the end of a year establish the claim that they were residents. Under the Virginia law the plaintiff makes affidavit that he or she is a resident. Unless the affidavit is questioned, it is accepted as proof of residence. If the defendant were represented by counsel appointed by the court, this affidavit would be looked into. It could be shown that the plaintiff had acquired a 'satchel residence,' the court would refuse to hear the case.

Weakness in Notice Rule.

"Another weakness of the Virginia law is the provision for serving notice on the defendant. If the defendant is a nonresident, notice may be by publication in a newspaper or by posting on the courthouse door. Of course, if the latter method is used, the person sued has hardly any chance of knowing anything about the suit. The District law requires notice by publication in a newspaper, but also requires the plaintiff to make affidavit that notice has been mailed to the last known address of the defendant, or that the address of the defendant could not be learned after diligent inquiry.

"Virginia should incorporate this provision in her divorce laws. This, as well as the plan to have the defendant in non-contested cases represented by counsel appointed by the court, has come to be recognized universally.

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among those who have given the divorce law the closest study, as imperative in any statutes that pretend to protect society and the individuals that compose it. The absence of an adequate publication law in Virginia, however, would not be so bad if courts were required to provide counsel when necessary. In that event, there would not be so much likelihood that the defendant would not be actually served with notice of the suit.

Working Injustice Constantly.

"The fact that some of the States have inadequate divorce laws is constantly working injustice and doing harm. For instance, a man may have one of these fraudulent Virginia divorces and may marry elsewhere, or in Virginia, for that matter. Subsequently, his divorce may be attacked and his decree set aside, in which case he would be liable for bigamy and his second wife and any children he may have had by her would be injured.

"Take another case: The wife of a man who has obtained such a divorce might believe herself to be a free woman, and might marry again, only to discover she was in reality the wife of her first husband and had committed bigamy.

Collusion Should Be Prevented.

"It is such instances—which are by no means imaginary or even rare—that make it essential that we have uniform divorce laws, of such character that it will be practically impossible to obtain divorces by fraud, and, as nearly impossible as can be, to obtain them by collusion between husband and wife. Collusion is hard to prevent, but in States that have laws like Virginia's, collusion is encouraged, where it ought to be combated with every possible precaution.

"With the exception of one or two States that cater to the divorce business, all the States and Territories are showing a tendency to progress in divorce legislation. I think Virginia's inadequate laws are the result of neglect. I don't believe there is any sentiment in the State that favors tax divorce laws for the specific purpose of encouraging outsiders to come and get divorces. I believe the question has merely been allowed to slumber; that it has never received the attention of any definite, organized movement. It should be allowed to slumber no longer."

Eighteen Cases for Alexandria County Court

Eighteen criminal cases must be disposed of by the district court of Alexandria county during the June term of court which has begun, with Judge J. R. Thornton presiding. Among these is a murder case, an indictment against Louis Von Der Miller having been found by the grand jury. He is charged with killing his brother-in-law, John Reeves.

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25c E. Z. Markers for dress-making. Each 10c

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GOULD REFUSES TO DISMISS TURPIN'S SUIT AGAINST LODGE

Justice Gives Pythian Officers Ten Days to File an Answer.

Justice Gould today refused to dismiss a suit of John H. Turpin against the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, asking a receiver for the society and an injunction against increase of its insurance assessments.

Ten days are given the national officers of the Supreme Lodge to file an answer to Turpin's suit, Justice Gould declaring a final decision, affecting between 1,500 and 2,000 members, must be made in the District courts. Justice Gould intimated no doubt of the jurisdiction of the Indiana courts to settle up the affairs of the Knights of Pythias, as the lodge was chartered by Congress.

"Without questioning the action of the Federal court in Indiana, I do not see how it can wind up the affairs of the corporation," Justice Gould said.

A reserve fund in the Knights of Pythias treasury of about \$200,000 is said to be involved in Turpin's suit. Turpin says he was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias, but that his insurance assessments have been increased from about \$7 to \$47 a month. He continues paying the increased assessments under protest, pending a decision of his suit.

Diversions by the supreme lodge officers of funds received for the benefit of fourth-class certificate holders of the lodge is charged by Turpin.

Senator Fletcher today presented at the White House a protege whom he wishes appointed minister to Haiti, if the rumored vacancy at that post materializes. The candidate of the Florida Senator is Joseph F. Wiley, a negro, who, the Senator said, is the head of a miniature Tuskegee Institute in Florida, and a man who is doing a great work in educating his race.

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Fine Sheer 15c Quality India Lison—40 inches wide; a yard 83½c

10c Ramie Linen Suiting—Colors of old rose, cadet blue, king blue, champagne, and tan. A yard 12½c

25c 36-inch Pure Irish Linen—Extra heavy quality in tan for skirts, suits, and dresses. A yard 19c

25c and 30c Rajahs, Poplins, and Homespuns—Some silk and linen, some silk and cotton; half and less than half price at a yard 15c

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Masons Lay Corner Stone at Brookland

The cornerstone of the temple being erected by King David Lodge, No. 23, A. F. A. M., at Twelfth and Monroe streets, Brookland, was laid yesterday, and today the builders are continuing the work of construction. While the Masons, wearing their white aprons, stood reverently, the cornerstone was lowered into place and set by Grand Master J. Claud Keiper. There were many visitors present, among them John B. Lord, who donated the site for the temple.

The Rev. Joseph Dawson briefly outlined the career of the lodge since it was chartered November 8, 1892. There was singing by a choir composed of Charles R. Bartlett, J. Henry Kaiser, Frederick Bartlett, and James S. Hicks.

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